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Welcome to the November 2004 edition.

My apologies for the November edition being so late. I have had a busy month, including some health problems with a very stubborn kidney stone attack laying me up for about a week! My wife and I were also involved in the organization of a large birding exposition here in Montreal last weekend. Hopefully things will begin to settle down a little and I can get things back on schedule.

This month's Monthly Special Zone features sites about Thanksgiving (U.S.), turkeys and American Indian Heritage Month. Also, given the recent death of Yasser Arafat and the impact it may have on the Middle East, I have included a couple of sites about the man and the P.L.O.

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THE MONTHLY SURVEY

LAST MONTH'S SURVEY

Last month's survey question was "In your personal time on this planet, what has been the most important, influential or life-changing development or invention to have an impact on your daily life?" 20 responses were received. Here are the results:

The Personal Computer -- 7 votes
The Internet -- 2 votes
The Integrated Circuit -- 2 votes
A few other single votes for CDs, cellphones, air conditioning, motorcycles, dishwasher, microwave, etc.

THIS MONTH'S SURVEY

This month, as we approach the holiday period, our thoughts often turn to the never-ending challenge of what to get that special person for a gift! After 26 years of marriage in my case, it becomes more and more difficult each year. For our question this month, let's think of ourselves for a moment. What is the number one item on your holiday gift list that you really, really wish Santa leaves under your tree? Please keep it to one!

Please send your response, by e-mail, to
hfnewsletter@yahoo.com

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THE COMMENTS ZONE

No comments this month

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THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

Up to 9 contributors this month. We welcome a few first-time contributors this month. Thanks to all our regulars for their continued support and efforts.

Skip Arey, Beverly, New Jersey
Richard Cuff, Allentown, Pennsylvania
Jacques d'Avignon, Gloucester, Ontario
Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec
Ricky Leong, Brossard, Quebec
Gilles Letourneau, Montreal, Quebec
Mitch Melnick, Montreal, Quebec
Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia
Shaun Starr, Montreal, Quebec
William Westenhaver, Montreal, Quebec
Yahoo Weekly Picks

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THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

H.E. YASSER ARAFAT

http://www.p-p-o.com/

The official site for the President's Office includes speech excerpts, letters, news, autobiography, and more.

PALESTINE NET

http://www.palestine-net.com/

Information about Palestine's land, people, history, politics, economy, education, culture, and more.

THANKSGIVING ON THE NET

http://www.holidays.net/thanksgiving/index.htm

November 25th is Thanksgiving Day in the U.S. This site offers a collection of information and background on the holiday, as well as various links to food, customs and celebrating the day.

THE WILD TURKEY

http://animaldiversity.ummz.umich.edu/site/accounts/information/Meleagris_gallopavo.html

Turkey is synonymous with Thanksgiving, but here is some information about the bird itself, the wild version.

AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION

http://www.indians.org

November is National American Indian Heritage Month. The American Indian Heritage Foundation was established to provide relief services to Indian people nationwide and to build bridges of understanding and friendship between Indian and non-Indian people. Under the umbrella of the National Heritage Foundation, Princess Pale Moon founded the American Indian Heritage Foundation (AIHF) in 1973.

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THE NOVEMBER ZONE

Here are some of the events taking place in November:

MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS

Aviation History Month
National AIDS Awareness Month
National Alzheimer's Disease Month
National American Indian Heritage Month

WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS

21-27 National Adoption Week
21-27 National Family Week

SPECIAL DAYS

13 -- World Kindness Day
18 -- Great American Smokeout
25 -- Thanksgiving Day (USA)
25 -- International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
29 -- International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

ON THE LIGHTER SIDEÉ

14 -- National American Teddy Bear Day
21 -- Pumpkin Pie Day

Source: http://groups.ucanr.org/espanol/calendario/

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SPECIAL NOTE -- RADIO HF GIFT CERTIFICATES

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http://www.alinco.com/Products/DJC7/

All Alinco equipment and accessories are available from Radio HF. Please contact us for complete details on pricing and availability.

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THE RADIO ZONE

BROADCASTING IN CHICAGO -- 1921 to 1989

http://www.richsamuels.com/

VIA Ricky Leong, Brossard, Quebec

This site is an on-line museum that deals with the history of radio and television over a period of almost sixty years. Its focus is the studio complex the National Broadcasting Company operated in Chicago's Merchandise Mart from 1930 to 1989.

RADIO LOVERS

http://www.radiolovers.com/

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

This site offers hundreds of vintage radio shows to listen to online in mp3 format, all for free. Before the days of video games, shopping malls, MTV, and the Internet, families used to sit in their living room each night to listen to radio shows such as Abbott and Costello, Superman, Groucho Marx, The Avenger, Gunsmoke, Sherlock Homes, and many others. When TV become popular in the 1950's, most of these shows went off the air, but they now live on at websites such as this one and on weekly nostalgia radio broadcasts worldwide.

THE OFFICIAL AM STEREO WEB SITE

http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/kevtronics/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This site includes the history, the receivers, and a station list of stereo AM.

SPACE WEATHER

http://www.spaceweather.com/

VIA Richard Cuff, Allentown, Pennsylvania

Given the major solar disturbances affecting propagation and causing great displays of northern lights, use this site for regular daily updates on solar activity, auroral conditions and other space and sky activities.

MISCOU DXPEDITION 2004

http://www.dxing.info/dxpeditions/miscou2004.dx

VIA Jacques d'Avignon, Gloucester, Ontario

Miscou is located at: 47d 59m 39.8s N 64d 32m 51.9s W. The participants this year were: Brent Taylor, late October 1st and October 2nd (ICOM R-75 with Kiwa mods); Ken Alexander and Jacques d'Avignon, late October 1st to October 7th, and Niel Wolfish, October 3rd to October 7th. Ken, Jacques and Niel each used AOR AR 7030+ receivers. This site details the results of the DXpedition.

INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL MEASUREMENT STANDARDS

http://inms-ienm.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/time_services/shortwave_broadcasts_e.html

VIA Ricky Leong, Brossard, Quebec

This is a page dedicated to Canada's time standard radio service, CHU in Ottawa; it iincludes a full description of time signal, plus historical information. A second page describes the time code embedded in the CHU broadcast meant for decoding by computers at: http://inms-ienm.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/time_services/chu.html

OZ5E & OZ1ADL WEB PAGE

http://www.oz1adl.com/

VIA Gilles Letourneau, Montreal, Quebec

OZ5E is the club call sign of the station owned by OZ1ADL, Jan and OZ1XJ, Andrew. The station is located in central Denmark on Jan's farm. What is even more amazing is the video on the page. It's really worth it!

VIRGINIA TECH'S MOBILE & PORTABLE RADIO RESEARCH GROUP

http://www.mprg.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The U.S. introduction of analog cellular radio in 1983 heralded the beginning of the wireless communications revolution. With 5,000,000 U.S. cellular subscribers by the end of the decade, researchers at Virginia Tech identified the need for a research and educational program that would meet the requirements of the burgeoning wireless industry in terms of research, education, and professional development of technical staff.

THE RADIO RESEARCH AND INVENTOR'S SITE

http://radio-research.bei.t-online.de/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This site is dedicated to investigations in amateur radio projects, it is meant as a platform for discussion and development of new technologies for reception of sounds and radio signals, their analysis and related topics. Everyone is invited to contribute with ideas, information, skills or results. All rights on all material that is published here remain with the authors.

SCANNING REFERENCE

http://www.panix.com/~clay/scanning/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

A collection of links to various sites relating to radio scanners and scanning.

THE FRIENDS OF THE C.R.C. ASSOCIATION

http://friendsofcrc.ca/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

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ROGUE RADIO RESEARCH

http://www.roguecom.com/rogueradio/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Rogue Radio Research is dedicated to the scholarly study of micro radio. This site contains original research on micro radio, general and specific guides, information, and annotated links to micro radio and related resources.

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THE GENERAL ZONE

KELSEY PARK SCHOOL ELECTRONICS CLUB

http://www.kpsec.freeuk.com/

VIA Ricky Leong, Brossard, Quebec

I found it a couple of days ago. The page is essentially a beginner's guide to electronics. Everything is surprisingly clear, very well organized and comprehensive. I wish I had had something like this when I was in high school.

DISCOVER CIRCUITS

http://www.discovercircuits.com/

VIA Gilles Letourneau, Montreal, Quebec

Discover Circuits is a collection of 8000+ electronic circuits or schematics. Discover Circuits has 500+ electronic circuit categories to find quick solution for electronic design problems. New circuits and/or links are added regularly as as a resource for engineers, hobbyists, inventors and consultants.

LIVE MANUALS

http://www.livemanuals.com

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

Live Manuals is the ultimate destination for consumers to learn all about their favorite products and brands in a fun and simple way. Live Manuals.com features Live Manuals simulations and interactive user manuals of popular and cutting edge consumer electronics on the market.

CASSINI-HUYGENS MISSION TO SATURN & TITAN

http://saturn.jpl.nasa.gov/home/index.cfm

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The Cassini space probe recently returned some of the most amazing pictures taken within our solar system as it passed Saturn's moon, Titan, snapping remarkable shots of this, and other moons, as well as Saturn itself. Check out all the data and photos on this remarkable web page.

SOUNDS OF DEEP SPACE

http://www-pw.physics.uiowa.edu/space-audio/sounds/

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

This is a sampling of some of Professor Don Gurnett's favorite sounds of space. These sounds were recorded by University of Iowa instruments on a variety of spacecraft over the past 40 years and include audio samples provided to Terry Riley and the Kronos Quartet for their work Sun Rings.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHS

http://www.photos.blm.gov/hist_index.html

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

The Bureau of Land Management remembers and has visually documented the westward migration of yesteryear. Dating back more than a century, the collection displays the nation's public lands and roadways in their more natural state. So go ahead, set it on cruise control, and take it all in.

GRAVEYARD OF THE PACIFIC

http://www.pacificshipwrecks.ca/

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

In this bilingual (French/English) site, the BC Maritime Museum takes you on a tour of Vancouver Island shipwrecks. Stories cover shipwrecks from the early years of Vancouver trade and exploration to the days when invincible ships sank or mysteriously disappeared. Steer a ship through the treacherous waters to safety or peril.

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THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

WORLD ROCK PAPER SCISSORS SOCIETY

http://www.worldrps.com/index.html

VIA Skip Arey, Beverly, New Jersey

This group is dedicated to the promotion of Rock Paper Scissors as a fun and safe way to resolve disputes. The World RPS Society is involved in many areas of the sport, such as; research studies, workshops, tournaments at both local and international levels, book publishing, and much more.

WORLD TOILET ORGANIZATION

http://www.worldtoilet.org

VIA William Westenhaver, Montreal, Quebec

We do it everyday, yet we do not talk about it. It is 'taboo' on one hand and impolite to talk about it. Yet, when we go to 'toilets away from home' we sometimes put up with the many discomforts like hygiene problems, inadequate sanitation, design flaws and many other problems associated with public toilets. The World Toilet Organization is a non-profit organization comprises of currently 17 members.

SPORTS PICKLE

http://www.sportspickle.com/

VIA Mitch Melnick, Montreal, Quebec

The sports humour and satire site on the Net, updated each Wednesday. At first it looks like real sports news, but you quickly learn that someone here has a very creative and satirical mind when it comes to sports.

USELESS JUNK

http://www.uselessjunk.com/

VIA Shaun Starr, Montreal, Quebec

A collection of news items and references about just about anything! CAUTION: Some material here may be offensive to some.

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THE HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET AND SPECIAL EVENTS ZONE

NOTE: Hamfest season has wrapped up for 2004. The 2005 calendar will appear again in the New Year.

Each month we list upcoming events, including
hamfests, predominantly in Canada. NOTE: All times quoted are local.
(Compiled by Vernon Ikeda VE2MBS, Pierrefonds, Quebec, and Radio Amateurs of Canada)

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THE RESOURCES ZONE

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http://www.ckut.ca

You may listen to archived editions of the programme through the Radio McGill web site, and thanks to the initiative of Ricky Leong, of Brossard, Quebec, you can find the most recent edition of the programme archived at:

http://members.fortunecity.com/crazyaboutradio/

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